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EUROPEAN BRIEF 160-75.4

1. PORTUGAL: THE GOVERNMENT REPORTEDLY ENDED THE MUTINY IN PORTO
BY MAKING SOME CONCESSIONS TO THE DISSIDENT SOLDIERS' DEMANDS. 4

THE REBELS TOOK OVER THE REGIMENT A WEEK AGO IN RETALIATION FOR THE DISBANDMENT OF A LEFTIST TRANSPORTATION UNIT BY THE MORTHERN MILITARY REGION COMMANDER, GENERAL PIRES VELOSO. VELOSO REFUSED TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE TROOPS AND REMAINED FIRM IN HIS DETERMINATION TO RESTORE DISCIPLINE IN THE UNITS UNDER HIS COMMAND.4

THE DISSIDENT SOLDIERS VOWED TO END THE DISPUTE ONLY IF THE TRANSPORTATION UNIT WAS RECONSTITUTED WITH THE ORIGINAL PERSONNEL. OTHER DEMANDS INCLUDED THE RESIGNATION OF GENERAL VELOSO AND THE RETURN OF RADICAL OFFICERS TO POSITIONS OF POWER.4

THE ARMY COMMANDER IN CHIEF, GENERAL CARLOS FABIAO, FLEW TO
PORTO ON TUESDAY TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION WITH BOTH VELOSO AND THE
REBELS. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE RADICAL MILITARY ORGANIZATION M
"SOLDIERS UNITED WILL WIN" HAD INVITED FABIAO TO VISIT THE REGIMENT.
FABIAO PROPOSED THAT THE TRANSPORTATION REGIMENT BE RECONSTITUTED AS
AN OPERATIONAL COMBAT UNIT. THE UNIT, KNOWN AS A HAVEN FOR SONS OF THE

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EAST ASIA BRIEF 160-75.4

THAILAND-LAOS: THE GOVERNMENT IN BANGKOK ANNOUNCED ON TUESDAY THAT THAI AIRCRAFT HAD FIRED UPON LAOTIAN GUN POSITIONS ALONG THE MEKONG RIVER. BANGKOK IS CLAIMING THAT THE LAO SHORE POSITIONS HAD ENFIRED ON A THAI PATROL BOAT. IT WAS THE MOST SER-IOUS THAI REACTION YET TO THE DETERIORATING SITUATION ALONG THE LAO-THAI BORDER. Y

BANGKOK ASSERTS THAT LAOTIAN FORCES ALONG THE RIVER HAVE ON FIVE DIFFERENT OCCASIONS IN THE PAST WEEK FIRED ON THAI PATROL BOATS. THE THAI AIR STRIKE OCCURRED ABOUT 40 MILES SOUTH OF SAVANNAKHET.4

THE FACT THAT THE THAI WERE PROVIDING AIR COVER FOR THE RIVER PATROL SUGGESTS THAT THE MILITARY HIGH COMMAND IN BANGKOK WAS PRE-PARED IN ADVANCE TO RESPOND FORCEFULLY. THE THAI HAVE BEEN SMART-ING OVER LAO COMMUNIST REFUSAL TO BEGIN A DIALOGUE, AS WELL AS OVER ALLEGED MILITARY PROVOCATION BY LAOTIAN UNITS ALONG THE

BANGKOK HAS CONSIDERABLE LEVERAGE IN DEALING WITH VIENTIANE.

THAILAND MEETS THE BULK OF LAQS' RICE IMPORT NEEDS.Y

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THATLAND PURCHASES HYDRO-EMLECTRIC POWER FROM LAGS AND THUS IS AN IMPORTANT SOURCE OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE FOR VIENTIANE.4

A GOOD PART OF LAOS' OTHER IMPORTS ALSO MOVE THROUGH THAI PORTS. //LAST AUGUST THE THAI CABINET WAS PREPARED TO SLAP A HOLD ON ALL GOODS IN TRANSIT TO LAOS BECAUSE THE LAO WERE HOLDING TWO THAI EXPLOMATS.//Y

THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFICIAL LAO REACTION TO EITHER THE THAT
STATEMENT OR THE AIR ATTACK. VIENTIANE AS WELL AS HANOI WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY LOOSE A STRIDENT PROPAGANDA BARRAGE AND MAY TAKE
STEPS TO MAKE LIFE MORE DIFFIGULT FOR THAI DIPLOMATS IN VIENTIANE.

IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THE RECENT AIR STRIKES WILL DETER THE COMMUNISTS IN LAOS. ALTHOUGH THE THAI STATEMENT WAS LOW-KEY AND DID NOT THREATEN FURTHER RETALIATION. THE PROSPECT IS FOR MORE AND PERHAPS SERIOUS CLASHES BY THE TWO SIDES IN THE WEEKS TO COME. (SECRET) E-2 IMPDET.H

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE BRIEF 160-75.4

1. //PANAHA: PANAHA'S CELEBRATION ON OCTOBER 11 OF THE COUP THAT BROUGHT GENERAL OHAR TORRIJOS TO POWER IN 1548 WAS A PEACEFUL, GENERALLY SOBER AFFAIR. A CROWD OF ABOUT 35,800 GATHERED IN THE CAPITAL, FAR SHORT OF GOVERNMENT EXPECTATIONS.//Y

//SPEAKING AT THE OBSERVANCES. TORRIJOS EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR PATIENCE DURING PROLONGED CANAL TREATY NEGOTIATIONS. GOVERNMENT HEASURES HELPED ENSURE THE COMPLETE ABSENCE OF ANTI-US DEHONSTRATIONS: THE GOVERNMENT IS SEEKING TO PROJECT ITSELF AS RESPONSIBLE. AND ENJOYING POPULAR SUPPORT. {CONFIDENTIAL NO FORM}//Y

2. LATIN AMERICA: LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN MINISTERS ARE MEETING IN PANAMA ON OCTOBER 15 TO ESTABLISH A NEW ORGANIZATION TO BE CALLED THE LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIC SYSTEM.Y

THE ORGANIZATION. WHICH WILL BE OPEN TO ALL THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OF THE AREA BUT NOT TO THE US. WILL SEEK TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TO SERVE AS A FORUM IN WHICH TO FORMULATE COMMON POSITIONS TO BE PRESENTED TO THE US. TO OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. AND TO INTERNATIONAL FORUMS.4

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SOME KEY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE NEW ORGANIZATION ARE YET TO BE SETTLED. SOME GOVERNMENTS, PARTICULARLY BRAZIL, ARE BOTHERED BY THE "SUPRANATIONAL" FLAVOR OF THE NEW ORGANIZATION. BRAZIL WANTS ALL DECISIONS TO BE UNANIMOUS, AND THE MINISTERS WILL PROBABLY AGREE THAT MAJORITY DECISIONS WILL BE OPERATIVE BUT NOT BINDING ON GOVERNMENTS THAT ABSTAIN OR OPPOSE THEM. Y

ANOTHER PROBLEM FOR BRAZIL AND OTHERS SEEMS TO BE DIMINISHING AS COUNTRIES SUPPORTING THE NEW ORGANIZATION MAKE IT CLEAR THEY DO NOT SEE THE NEW GROUP IN AN ADVERSARY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE US. THE LOW-KEY, NON-CONTENTIOUS BEHAVIOR OF THE CUBANS IN THE WORKING SESSIONS HAS HELPED.Y

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ECONOMIC SYSTEM IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF THE IMPACT THE ORGANIZATION OF PETROLEUM EXPORTING COUNTRIES HAS HAD ON LESS DEVELOPED NATIONS. WHO SEE OPEC UNITY AS A KEY TO EXERTING PRESSURE SUCCESSFULLY ON THE DEVELOPED WORLD. (CONFIDENTIAL) E-2 IMPDET.4

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MIDDLE EAST AFRICA BRIEF 160-75.4

L.NIGERIA: THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT HEADED BY BRIGADIER MUHAMMED HAS BEGUN TO IMPLEMENT ITS RECENTLY UNVEILED FIVE-STAGE PROGRAM TO RETURN NIGERIA TO CIVILIAN RULE BY 1979. LAST WEEK THE REGIME ANNOUNCED THE FORMATION OF A COMMITTEE TO DRAFT A FUTURE CONSTITUTION. THE COMMITTEE HAS BEEN GIVEN UNTIL NEXT SEPTEMEMBER TO COMPLETE AN INITIAL DRAFT.Y

THE 50-MAN COMMITTEE INCLUDES SEVERAL WELL KNOWN FORMER

POLITICIANS WHO WERE LEADERS IN VARIOUS REGIONALLY-BASED POLITICAL

PARTIES THAT EXISTED PRIOR TO JANUARY 1966 WHEN NIGERIA'S FIRST

MILITARY REGIME CAME TO POWER. AMONG THOSE NAMED ARE TWO PROMINENT

IBOS WHO SUPPORTED THE SECESSIONIST BIAFRAN REGIME. A NUMBER OF

OLD IDEOLOGUES OF A SOCIALIST BENT. AND SOME LESSER KNOWN NIGERIANS

WHO HAVE REPUTATIONS AS ECONOMIC NATIONALISTS. THE COMMITTEE

MEMBERS HAVE BEEN DRAWN FROM THE LEGAL PROFESSION. UNIVERSITIES.

BUSINESS COMMUMNITY. AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT. AND INCLUDE AT LEAST

TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH OF NIGERIA'S TUELVE STATES. IN

ASMUCH AS THE REGIME DOBES NOT INTEND TO LIFT THE BAN ON POLITICAL

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BOARD TO FUTURE POLITICAL CAREERS.4

NIGERIA'S MOST PROMINENT EX-POLITICAN, CHIEF OBAFEMI AWOLOWO, THE LEMADER OF THE FORMER YORUBA-BASED ACTION GROUP PARTY, WAS APPOINTED TO THE COMMITTEE BUT HAS PUBLICLY STATED THAT THE DECLINES TO SERVE. AWOLOWO, WHO ADVOCATES A SWIFT RETURN TO CIVILIAN RULE, NO DOUBT IS DEEPLY FRUSTRATED BY THE REGIME'S FOUR YEAR TIMETABLE. HE WILL BE 70 YEARS OLD BY 1979 AND REALIZES THAT HIS LEADERSHIP HOPES ARE FADING WITH HIS ADVANCING AGE AND LACK OF APPEAL AMONG YOUNGER NIGERIANS. -NOJ FIDENTIALIY

JUNTA LEADER COLONEL ACHEAMPONG LAST WEEK AN-GHANA: NOUNCED A MAJOR RESTRUCTURING OF GHANA'S THREE-YEAR-OLD MILITARY REGIME. THE NEW GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE IS INTENDED TO GIVE THE ARMED FORCES A MORE ACTIVE AND DIRECT ROLE IN GOVERNING THE COUNTRY. ACHEAMPONG PROBABLY HOPES THAT THIS WILL SERVE TO LESSEN THE CHANCES FOR COUP PLOTTING BY RESTIVE OFFICERS WHO WILL

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NOW HAVE MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADVANCEMENT.4

GHANA'S FORMER RULING BODY. THE NATIONAL REDEMPTION COUNCIL ENRCY. HAS NOW BEEN SUPERSEDED AS THE TOP POLICY-MAKING GROUP BY A NEW 7-MAN SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL ESMCY CHAIRED BY ACHEAMPONG. THE SMC'S OTHER MEMPERS ARE: THE CHIEF OF THE DEFENSE STAFF; THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE; AND THE FOUR SERVICE CHIEFS. WHO WERE EXCLUDED FROM THE NRC. EACH MEMBER, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE CHAIRMAN, HOLDS OFFICE, CONCURRENTLY WITH THE TERM OF HIS SERVICE APPOINTMENT.Y

THE NRC RETAINS SOME FUNCTIONS, BUT HAS BEEN DOWNGRADED
IN IMPORTANCE AND EXPANDED IN SIZE. IT IS NOW CHARGED ONLY WITH
ADMINISTERING POLICY AND OVERSEEING THE OPERATION OF GOVERNMENT
MINISTRIES. ITS MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES THE MEMBERS OF THE SUPREME
MILITARY COUNCIL, COMMISSIONERS OF STATE THEADS OF MINISTRIES;
REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS, AND THE COMMANDERS OF THE ARMY'S TWO INFANTRY BRIGADES. SEVERAL NEW COMMISSIONERS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED,
INCLUDING SOME FROM THE LOWER ECHELONS OF THE MILITARY.Y

PROVISION HAS ALSO BEEN MADE FOR THE NRC TO BE ASSISTED BY

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"ADVISORY COMMITTEES" THAT MAY BE ATTACHED TO VARIOUS GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES AS NEEDED. THE ADVISORY COMMITTEES APPARENTLY ARE INTENDED TO ALLOW MORE JUNIOR OFFICERS AND POSSIBLY SOME CIVILIANS TO PARTICIPATE IN GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES. TO DATE, THE REGIME HAS DONE LITTLE TO PROVIDE FOR CIVILIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE GOVERNMENT BECAUSE OF ITS DISTRUST OF FORMER POLITICIANS.4

IN THE COURSE OF THE REORGANIZATION, THREE OFFICERS WHO COLLABORATED WITH ACHEAMPONG IN THE 1972 COUP WERE NOT INCLUDED IN THE NEW RULING COUNCIL. THEIR RELATIONS WITH ACHEAMPONG RECENTLY HAD BECOME SOMEWHAT STRAINED, MAKING IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO MAKE DECISIONS AND TO SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE. THE THREE OFFICERS STILL RETAIN MINISTERIAL PORTFOLIOS IN THE GOVERNMENT, HOWEVER, AND HAVE BEEN GIVEN MILITARY PROMOTIONS.Y

THE SWEEPING REORGANIZATION OF THE GOVERNMENT PROBABLY

SERVES TO GIVE THE BELEAGUERED REGIME A MUCH NEEDED FACE LIFT,

BUT ACHEAMPONG STILL MUST REVERSE THE IMPRESSION OF DRIFT HE

HAS CONVEYED IN DEALING WITH GHANA'S DETERIORATING ECONOMIC

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